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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0509

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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee of Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding in the amount of \$100,000 for Stand Down on the Delta 2023 in the fiscal year 2023 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill.

The project sponsor for this project is the Delta Veterans Group, and the project is located at 1201 W. 10th Street, Antioch, CA 94509.

Stand Down on the Delta is an initiative by 70 organizations within the Bay Area to serve the veterans community with wraparound supportive services to get veterans on the road to success. New federal and other resources are coming together to achieve this goal, and the Bay Area "Stand down on the Delta" is a key vehicle to drive this effort. Now is the time for us to show our returning heroes that the sacrifices they made to ensure our safety and freedom are appreciated.

Created in 2015, Stand Down on the Delta is a four-day, three-night event in which veterans are provided full medical treatments, court and legal services, chaplain services, housing, addiction and mental health counseling, employment, and a myriad of other community services. During the event, veterans are also provided with clothing, meals, showers, sleeping tents, and a safe place to "stand down" for the duration.

Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, similar events could not be held in 2020 or 2021, however, the 2019 Stand Down on the Delta event included: 300+ veteran participants from around the Bay Area; 836 program volunteers; 265 medical visits through the VA onsite; 206 dental services provided onsite; 8,200 meals provided; and 70 organizations working in partnership with Delta Veterans Group to provide services. The next Stand Down on the Delta will be held in September of 2023 at the Contra Costa County Fairgrounds located in Antioch, CA.

This project is a good use of taxpayer funds as it will provide critical care and services and help many of the participating veterans find permanent housing or employment to facilitate self-reliance, as has been demonstrated by prior Stand Down on the Delta events.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jerry McNerney", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jerry McNerney
Member of Congress